

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 351  
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor Cadet Seaman  
Recruit Stephanie Thurman upon her graduation  
from the Naval Junior R.O.T.C. program at  
Columbia Central High School.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in commending those youth who, through their unflagging commitment to scholasticism and service to their country, have progressed through the paragon of citizenship and academics that is the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Seaman Recruit Stephanie Thurman, who will soon graduate from the Naval Junior R.O.T.C. program at Columbia Central High School, is one such exemplary individual; and

WHEREAS, established by Congress in 1916, Junior R.O.T.C. is an elective high school course taught by military personnel at select private and public high schools in the United States and its territories; it is also taught through the Department of Defense Dependents School System, which primarily serves the dependents of personnel stationed overseas; and

WHEREAS, motivating and developing young people is what Junior R.O.T.C. is all about; to accomplish this goal, Junior R.O.T.C. combines classroom instruction and extracurricular activities oriented toward the student's attaining an awareness of the rights,

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responsibilities, and privileges of citizenship; developing the student's sense of personal responsibility; building life skills; and providing leadership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a program devoted to both the academic and personal growth of America's youth, the Junior R.O.T.C. develops in its cadets the personal confidence and pride in themselves necessary to avoid negative peer pressures and to attain life skills that enhance success after graduation; and

WHEREAS, while Junior R.O.T.C. is a high school course taken during regular school hours, it also includes many out-of-classroom activities; instruction both in and out of the classroom includes the basics of history, government, technology awareness, and current events, as well as leadership skills, including how to motivate others, and personal skills, including how to study, take tests, and interview for jobs; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Junior R.O.T.C. offers extracurricular activities, including drill team, color guard, and Raider Challenge; and

WHEREAS, principals, parents, and former cadets consistently endorse the positive impact that Junior R.O.T.C. has on the school, the community, and the cadets themselves; Junior R.O.T.C. cadets generally graduate from high school at a higher rate than that of their peers as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Seaman Recruit Stephanie Thurman is a testament to the multitude of exemplary young people who have enhanced their lives through the Junior R.O.T.C. program in this country; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to her for her achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Cadet Seaman Recruit Stephanie Thurman on

completing the Naval Junior R.O.T.C. program at Columbia Central High School and wish her the best in her every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.